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LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGY FOR WELFARE AND REHABILITATION OF THE HANDICAPPED

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the Science and Technology Project in Mission Mode on `Application of Technology for the Welfare and Rehabilitation of the Handicapped;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the nature of assistance provided under the project;
- (d) the funds provided to the scientific bodies for research and development for developing appropriate durable equipments during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the number of beneficiaries of the project during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The scheme`s objective is for design/development of suitable high quality and cost-effective aids and appliances to enhance the opportunities for persons with disabilities for
 - (i) employment,
 - (ii) easier living and mobility,
 - (iii) communication,
 - (iv) recreation and
 - (v) integration in the society through educational and skill development.
- (c) Hundred per cent funding as grant is provided under the project to organizations equipped with necessary infrastructure and having competence of product development.
- (d) The funds released during the last three years are as under:

Year Amount released (Rs. in lakhs`)

2004-05	36.50
2005-06	40.47
2006-07	50.00

- (e) The aids and appliances designed/developed under the scheme are used by a large number of persons with disabilities but it is not possible to specify their number.